patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations are **all part** of the pro-active approach adopted to deal with the terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir.

Rise in Naxalite Violence in M.P.

†2166. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of naxalite violence are on the rise in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the instructions given by the Central Government to the State Government to deal with naxalism and to what extent the State Government has followed these instructions; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Central Government to deal with the increasing naxalite violence in Madhya Pradesh togetherwith the future plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Madhya Pradesh has witnessed some increase in left wing extremist violence recently. As per available reports, on 20.2.2000 PWG activists killed 23 persons, largely policemen in a landmine blast on Narainpur Kutul Road/Narainpur PS., Baster District, Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) "Public Order' and "Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various measures and take concrete steps in this regards. However, Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and directors General of Police of the States affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review the steps taken by the States to check the left wing extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of the each State and to make recommendations, both on development and security aspects of the problem. The Coordination Centre has had several meetings, deliberating threadbare on all connected sensitive and relevant issues. Several important decisions such as providing financial support for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of Para Military Forces on need basis, etc., have been taken and effectively followed-up.

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